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SUBJECT:RED:ESCAP REGIONAL FOOD SECURITY SCHEME

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LONDON PASS TO PLACKE, USDEL TO GRAIN RESERVES

ROME FOR FODAG

1. AT A TIME WHEN WE ARE WORKING WITH THE UN AGENCIES AND  
IBRD TO IMPLEMENT THE VARIOUS WORLD FOOD CONFERENCE

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RESOLUTIONS AS QUICKLY AS POSSIBLE BUT WITH DUE ATTENTION

TO FEASIBILITY, OUR INITIAL REACTION TO ESCAP'S PROPOSAL OF A REGIONAL FOOD SECURITY SCHEME IS ONE OF STRONG CONCERN. WE EXPECT THE WORLD FOOD COUNCIL TO HOLD ITS FIRST ORGANIZATIONAL SESSION, AND ESTABLISH ITS PROGRAM OF WORK, IN MAY OR JUNE. IN ABOUT THE SAME PERIOD FAO WILL HOLD AN AD HOC CONSULTATION ON WORLD FOOD SECURITY TO REVIEW THE GLOBAL FOOD SITUATION. DISCUSSIONS WITH REGARD TO THE CONSULTATIVE GROUP ON FOOD PRODUCTION AND INVESTMENT IN DEVELOPING COUNTRIES, WHICH WILL HAVE BEARING ON SOLUTION OF THE FOOD AID FINANCE PROBLEM, ARE CURRENTLY UNDER WAY, AND IN MARCH THE INITIAL STEPS TO RECONSTITUTE THE INTER-GOVERNMENTAL COMMITTEE OF THE WFP (HAVING TO DO WITH FOOD AID POLICY) WILL TAKE PLACE. APART FROM THESE SPECIFIC ACTIONS, A VARIETY OF OTHER IMPLEMENTATION MEASURES ARE

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RECEIVING ATTENTION IN VARIOUS AGENCIES IN UN FAMILY.

2. WE SEE ESCAP'S PRESENT PROPOSAL AS A SITUATION IN WHICH CART IS GETTING WELL IN FRONT OF HORSE. THIS TYPE OF REGIONAL INITIATIVE COULD SERIOUSLY IMPAIR THE ACTION WHICH WE FEEL MUST OF NECESSITY FIRST TAKE PLACE ON A GLOBAL BASIS. WHILE THE WORLD FOOD CONFERENCE DISCUSSIONS DID ENVISAGE IMPLEMENTATION THROUGH EXISTING REGIONAL STRUCTURES, THERE WAS NO RECOMMENDATION THAT THOSE INSTITUTIONS DEVELOP MACHINERY SUCH AS THAT NOW PROPOSED BY ESCAP. THE PAPER FOR DISCUSSION IN THE 31ST SESSION IN NEW DELHI (FEBRUARY 26-MARCH 7, 1975) FORESEES FINANCIAL SUPPORT FROM GOVERNMENTS AND INTERNATIONAL AGENCIES BUT GIVES NO GUARANTEE THAT THESE WILL BE AVAILABLE OR THAT, IF AVAILABLE, THEY WILL NOT RESULT IN DIMINISHING THE RESOURCES WHICH MIGHT BE AVAILABLE FOR THE GLOBAL EFFORT. PROBLEMS OF DUPLICATION OR OVERLAP ALMOST SURELY WOULD RESULT FROM ADDITIONAL BUREAUCRATIC STRUCTURE AT THE REGIONAL LEVEL.

3. WHILE WE WILL GIVE PROPOSAL FURTHER STUDY IN PREPARING FOR THE 31ST SESSION, WE BELIEVE IT UNFORTUNATE THAT THIS INITIATIVE HAS BEEN PRESENTED AT THIS TIME. IN ORDER TO OBTAIN EARLY THINKING OF SOME OTHER MEMBERS

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OF THE REGION, OUR DELEGATION TO THE AD HOC MEETING ON GRAIN RESERVES (LONDON FEBRUARY 10-11, 1975) IS ASKED TO EXCHANGE INFORMAL VIEWS WITH SOME REPRESENTATIVES FROM COUNTRIES RECEIVING INFORMATION COPIES OF THIS MESSAGE.

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